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DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—The re-titing director of the U.S. Infor-mation Agency said today, The manner in which we work out our race-relations problems will determine our prestige more than any other, single element in our national life."

George V. Allen made the remark in a message read at a special luncheon at Duke University of Polyant S. Polya special function at Duke University honoring Dr. Robert S. Rankin, a veteran university faculty member now serving on the U.S. Civil Rights commission.

Allen said, "I have every confidence that we shall find the solution to this problem as long as

fidence that we shall find the so-lution to this problem as long as we have men as sensible as Bob Rankin in positions of surfacility." Other tributes to Rankin came from U.S. Sens. B. Evenett Jord-an and Sam J. Ervin Jr.; B. S. Womble of Winston-Salem, chair-man of the Duke Board of Trustees; Dr John A. Hannah, chairman of the Civil Rights Commissicn, and from other commission members.

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